

I support the passing of HB5300. This bill will remove the trigger clause from CT's current GMO labeling bill and will require GMO labeling on Infant foods.

When we discuss GMO's we also need to discuss the increased use of Glyphosates as the two go hand in hand. The World Health Organization has labeled them as "probably cancer causing". Certainly that should say that there is a risk that must be considered. The first 6 years are critical to a child's development. The love, care, and nourishment that a child receives during this time will be important to his or her entire life.

Glyphosates first arrived as a industrial cleaner for pipes. As a chelator, it binds minerals in the soil to itself, making that nutrition unavailable to the plant. It also destroys the microflora and bacteria in the soil, life that is critical to the health of the soil. The GMO plants are therefore less nutritious than Non GMO plants. Tests on the plants have shown as much as a 30% reduction in essential minerals and protein.

Glyphosates are also heavily sprayed just before the harvest. This appears to cause the plants to increase their efforts in seed development and a larger seed is the result. However, this again puts more of this suspect poison in and on our food.

Monsanto would have you think that by changing one gene in a plant that there will only be one change to that plant. This is false. That one gene change may trigger a change.. for better or worse... in the essence of that plant. we are in danger or creating food that is not compatible with our own biological systems. We see rats developing massive tumors after 6 months of testing. Since the introduction of GMO's and Roundup we have seen massive spikes in the autism and intestinal abnormalities. More research needs to be conducted and until these plants are clearly shown to be safe, we want to know when they are in our food so we can make our choices.

Parents have the charge to care for their children give them a solid base for their future lives. They have the right to know what is in their food and to determine what the risks are with that food.

Finally I would like to direct your attention to the Public Trust Doctrine. This doctrine is based on Roman law, the magna Charter, and colonial law. It states very simply that the governing bodies have a fiduciary responsibility to hold the interests of the people above all other interests in matters of the countries "res" or we might say "our stuff". This can apply to our water, the air we breath, our land, our trees, etc. You all have the duty, according to this doctrine, to do what is best for the citizens of CT, not for the corporate interests who would place us in harm's way with their toxic chemical sprays.